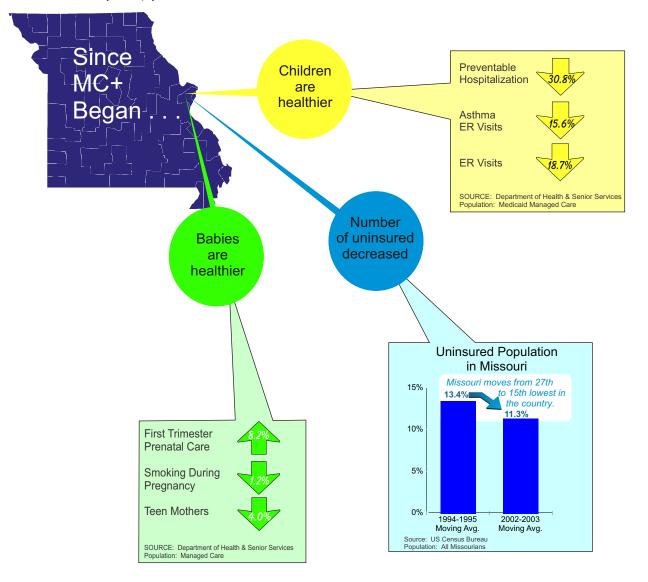


now stretches through a corridor encompassing counties in central and western Missouri. Since its inception, positive results have been realized.



For MC+ managed care participants, maternal behavior and infant indicators have improved since MC+ managed care began.

## **HEALTHY BABIES**

Achieved Since Start of MC+ Managed Care

Maternal & Infant Behavior Indicators

Inadequate Prenatal Care	Reduced by 7.3%
First Trimester Prenatal Care	Improved by 8.2%
Smoking During Pregnancy	Reduced by 1.2%
Short Intervals Between Pregnancies	Reduced by 1.9%
Teen Mothers	Reduced by 4.0%
Repeat Teen Births	Reduced by 2.6%
Low Birth Weight	Reduced by 0.4%

Health care indicators for children participating in MC+ managed care have also shown improvement.

## **HEALTHY CHILDREN**

Achieved Since Start of MC+ Managed Care

Hospital Utilization Indicators

Emergency Room (ER) Visits Under 18 Years of Age	Reduced 18.7%
ER Asthma Visits Ages 4-17	Reduced 15.6%
Asthma Admissions Under 18 Years of Age	Reduced 29.2%
Preventable Hospitalization Under 18 Years of Age	Reduced 30.8%

Source: Department of Health & Senior Services, Comparison of 2003 provisional to baseline data (1994 or 1995 depending on region)

Because health care for these participants was provided under managed care instead of fee for service, we estimate costs in the amount of \$118.5 million were avoided in 2004.

## **Cost Avoidance Attributable to MC+ Managed Care**

